

Claims 1-12- and 13-17 are pending; claim 13 being canceled by this amendment. Claim 13 is now presented in independent form as amended claim 1, and all remaining claims depend from said claim. The amendment of claim 1 to an independent form of claim 13 does not present any new matter or new issues, since claim 13 has been in the application since the original filing date.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Weinberg (U.S. 5,901,919), taken individually or in view of the Handbook of Adhesives.

Applicants' claims are now limited to the embodiment of original claim 13, in which embodiment the double-sided adhesive tape (DO) is arranged at a distance (V) of 0.5 - 15 mm from one long edge (LK) of the adhesive tape.

Weinberg, by contrast, teaches that the double sided adhesive tape should be disposed such that it ends laterally with one side of the paper backing (2) (see col. 2, lines 3-6, Fig. 1 and col. 3, lines 43-45). There is absolutely nothing anywhere to be found in either the Weinberg reference or the Handbook of Adhesives that would suggest or even permit the double sided adhesive tape to be displaced away from the edge of Weinberg's backing (2).

Accordingly, Applicants' claims can not be seen as obvious over Weinberg, either individually or in view of the Handbook of Adhesives and the rejection of claims 1-17 (now 3-17) as obvious over Weinberg (U.S. 5,901,919), taken individually or in view of the Handbook of Adhesives should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-17 (now 3-17) stand provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-12 of copending application serial Nos. 09/518,463 or 09/490,709 in view of the Handbook of Adhesives. It is respectfully requested that further action on this provisional rejection be deferred until it can be determined which of said applications shall be issued first, at which time Applicants will consider an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer.

Claims 1-17 (now 3-17) stand provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over copending application serial Nos. 09/518,463 or 09/490,709 in view of the Handbook of Adhesives. The present application is entitled to a priority date of December 2, 1999 which antedates the filing dates of the applied references. It is respectfully requested that further action on this rejection be deferred until it can be determined which application shall issue first, at which time Applicants will consider perfecting their claim to priority, if necessary, by filing a certified copy of their priority document.

In view of the present amendments and remarks it is believed that claims 1-12 and 14-17 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of said claims by the Examiner is respectfully requested and the allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

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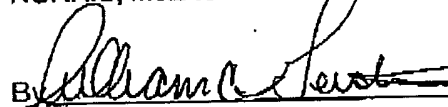
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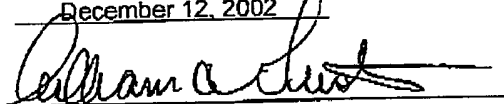
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**MARKED-UP COPIES OF AMENDED CLAIMS
SHOWING CHANGES RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS VERSIONS**

Claim 1 (three-times amended). An adhesive tape with adhesive front side and nonadhesive rear side and two long edges for flying reel change, having

- a) a film backing (P1) having a front side and a rear side and which is coated on the front side with a self-adhesive composition (N1),
- b) part of the nonadhesive rear side of the film backing (P1) being equipped with a double-sided adhesive tape (DO) which is comprised of a cleavable system (P2) coated on both sides with self-adhesive composition (N2, N3), wherein
- c) the double-sided adhesive tape (DO) is arranged at a distance (V) of [0-15] 0.5-15 mm, from one long edge (LK) of the adhesive tape.

Claim 2 (amended). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim [13] 1, wherein the distance (V) is [0-7] 1-7 mm.

Claim 9 (twice amended). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the double-sided adhesive tape (DO) is 3 to 35 mm [side] wide.

Claim 13, please cancel.